



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, FORT BLISS
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FORT BLISS, TEXAS 79916

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

17 July 2009

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Funeral Honors Policy

1. Fort Bliss is committed to showing our appreciation for the faithful service of our fallen comrades by providing military honors for funerals. My intent is to provide appropriate honors to all Soldiers, retirees and veterans.

2. The Senior Commander, Fort Bliss is responsible for providing military burial honors for active duty Soldiers, retired Army Soldiers and honorably discharged veterans in New Mexico and the twelve Western most counties in Texas. Fort Bliss is dedicated to showing our proper respect to deceased soldiers by implementing the requirements for military funeral honors as expressed in Section 578, Public Law 106-65; AR 600-25, DOD Policy Memorandum dated 10 Dec 1999, MILPER Message #00-67, Military Funeral Honors; and AR 600-8-1.

3. Levels of Support:

a. Active duty Soldiers and Medal of Honor recipients are authorized a full funeral honors team, if requested. A full funeral honors team is a nine Soldier team consisting of an officer or a noncommissioned officer in charge, chaplain, bugler, and a six Soldier pallbearer and firing party.

b. Retirees are authorized a full funeral honors team, if requested and available. If a full funeral honors team is not available, retirees will be provided a flag folding team. A flag folding team consists of two Soldiers to conduct a modified flag-folding ceremony and a rendition of taps. One member of the team must be a member of the deceased's branch of service.

c. Honorably discharged veterans are authorized a flag folding team and a rendition of taps if requested.

d. For funerals at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery (FBNC), the 62nd Army Band will provide a bugler to play taps for all funerals if requested and available. If a bugler is not available, the honors team will play a rendition of taps.

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4. We will request support from our sister services and the reserve component when we cannot support a request or if it is more prudent for them to provide honors. However, if they cannot support our request, we remain responsible for providing honors.
5. The Deputy Commanding General has been delegated authority from the CG to approve a request to provide a retiree with a flag folding team in lieu of a full funeral honors team or to not provide a detail due to national emergencies.
6. EXPIRATION. This Fort Bliss Command Policy Memorandum will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.


HOWARD B. BROMBERG
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Commanding

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